

T H E  
**DECLARATION**  
 Of the GENTRY, of the COUNTY of  
**NORFOLK,**  
 And of the COUNTY and CITY of  
**NORVVICH.**

**W**E the Gentry of the County of *Norfolk*, and County and City of *Norwich*, being deeply affected with the sence of our sad Distractions and Divisions, both in Church and State, and wearied with the miseries of an Unnatural Civil War, the too Frequent Interruptions of Government, the Imposition of several heavy Taxes, and the loud Out-cries of multitudes of undone, and almost Famished People, occasioned by the General decay of Trade, which hath spread itself throughout the whole Nation, and these Counties in particular; and having met together, and consulted what may best remedy, and remove our, and the Nations present Grievances and Distractions, Do humbly conceive, that the chief Expedient will be, the recalling of those Members that were seclused in 1648, and sat before the Force put upon the Parliament (We of the County of *Norfolk*) being by such Seclusion, deprived of any Person to represent us in Parliament,) and also by filling up the Vacant Places thereof; and all to be Admitted without any Oath, or Engagement, previous to their Entrance; which being done, We shall be ready to acquiesce, and submit in all things, to the Judgment and Authority of Parliament, without which Authority, the People of *England* cannot be obliged to pay any Taxes.

*This Declaration, subscribed by three hundred Gentlemen, was delivered to the Honourable Will: Lenthall, Speaker of the Parliament, on Saturday the Eight and Twentieth of January, 1659. By the Lord Richardson, S<sup>r</sup> John Hobart, and S<sup>r</sup> Horatio Tounsend, Baronets.*